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Dear both,

But with her great hunch, esp. Jean, let me update on tentatives on that cryptic thing the text of which I sent you, and I think it important to consider in the context of Luke.

"The Constable from Barnstable" seems to be an old nursery rhyme. Know the words or anything about it? Barnstable is also the county seat of Barnstable County, which includes Hyannis. If "magister" is taken as "master" or something like that, and "horse" is taken as "hunt" or even a bad pun, does not a meaning emerge to that opening line?

Some of the words are French, where I am very weak. "Ghou" need not be (but may be) reference to China (fission is used below). In French it is cabbage.

"Glebe", a road on or near which Thornley lived in Va., is French for clod or soil.

"de plain" may be taken as an idiom for on the level.

"Folie" is madness or foolish act.

Thus there can be reference to any Kennedy, Teddy from the present and either or both of the others from the signature "Duncan", who was murdered.

I wonder if "Earle George Sande" and be a combined reference to Warren and the writer, and if so, to which writing?

The basis for selection of this administrative assistant can be the address, "Dead Run Drive". There is no Senator nor any known assistant with any address like this.

Hurry with the hunches, Jean. This may be serious.

Meanwhile, has Phil any feeling about whether this is or is not consistent with the Thornley he knew?

In haste,